



# 2019-21 Biennium Budget Decision Package

**Agency:** 303 - Department of Health  
**Decision Package Code-Title:** 4D - Technical Adjustments  
**Budget Session:** 2019-21 Regular  
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## Agency Recommendation Summary

The Department of Health requests technical corrections to its 2019-21 appropriation.

## Fiscal Summary

*Dollars in Thousands*

Operating Expenditures	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Fund 001 - 1	\$-466	\$-466	\$-466	\$-466
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$-466</b>	<b>\$-466</b>	<b>\$-466</b>	<b>\$-466</b>
<b>Biennial Totals</b>		<b>\$-932</b>		<b>\$-932</b>
Object of Expenditure	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Obj. A	\$-36	\$-36	\$-36	\$-36
Obj. B	\$-13	\$-13	\$-13	\$-13
Obj. C	\$-406	\$-406	\$-406	\$-406
Obj. E	\$-2	\$-2	\$-2	\$-2
Obj. T	\$-9	\$-9	\$-9	\$-9

## Package Description

The Department of Health requests various technical corrections to its 2019-21 appropriation.

### 1. Public Health Reporting For Schools:

The 2016 supplemental budget provided the department with \$511,000 GF-S for a medical record validation tool for schools to check the state's immunization information system. The tool was intended to electronically determine if a child meets all immunization requirements for school entry using data

from the child's immunization records.

The funding for this item was intended for 3 years, therefore it was biennialized to \$346,000 per year in 2017-19 at carry forward. This funding level remains in the department's base budget for 2019-21 even though the project period has expired. This technical adjustment decision package removes the \$346,000 per year appropriation from the department's budget.

FY20: (\$346,000) GF-S

FY21: (\$346,000) GF-S

## 2. Ag Industry Behavioral Health:

Chapter 95 Laws of 2018 (2SHB2671) required the Department of Health to convene a task force regarding behavioral health (BH) and suicide prevention in the agricultural industry. It also required the department, subject to the availability of amounts appropriated and not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars per fiscal year for this purpose, to establish and convene a behavioral health and suicide prevention pilot program for the agricultural industry.

Funding for the legislation was provided in the 2018 supplemental prior to the department's fiscal note being released to the legislature. As a result, the enacted 2018 supplemental budget appropriated more funding than the department needs to implement the bill. This excess appropriation was subsequently carried forward into the department's 2019-21 base budget. Therefore this technical adjustment decision package reduces the department's appropriation to reflect only the appropriation necessary to implement the bill.

FY20: (\$285,000) GF-S

FY21: (\$285,000) GF-S

## 3. 2SSB 5052 (MEDICAL MARIJUANA--REGULATION):

Chapter 70, Laws of 2015 (2SSB 5052) states that the legislature intends that the cost associated with implementing and administering the medical marijuana authorization database shall be financed from the health professions account and that these funds shall be restored to the health professions account through future appropriations using funds derived from the dedicated marijuana account.

In fiscal year (FY) 2018, a total of \$701,000 was financed from the health professions account.

This technical adjustment requests the following:

Transfer \$701,000 revenue from the Dedicated Marijuana Account (Fund 315-1) the Health Professions Account (fund 02G-1) to reimburse the Department's actual FY18 expenditures to implement and administer the medical marijuana authorization database.

#### 4. Opioid Response: Data Tracking:

Funding was provided in the 2018 supplemental budget for the Department of Health to establish a statewide electronic emergency data system for licensed ambulances and aid services to report and furnish patient encounter data; for distribution of health care supplies through hub and spoke programs; and for knowledge-based identity verification for the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP).

Specifically \$70,000 per year from the Health Professions Account (Fund 02G) was provided for the PMP knowledge-based identity verification. These costs are not an eligible use for Fund 02G, therefore the department is proposing an increase of State General Fund to cover these costs and an offsetting reduction in Fund 02G appropriation.

FY20: \$70,000 GF-S, (\$70,000) 02G-1

FY21: \$70,000 GF-S, (\$70,000) 02G-1

#### 5. Prescription Monitoring Program: (Continued Staffing Needs for Data Integration with Electronic Health Systems Opioid Treatment Program)

Funding from the Medicaid Fraud Penalty account was provided in the 2018 supplemental budget to the Department of Health for additional staffing to coordinate the integration of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) data into federally-certified electronic health systems statewide. The integration of PMP data via the Health Information Exchange (HIE) provides clinicians seamless access to PMP data within their workflow which is a key strategy in addressing the epidemic. The department estimates it will continue to need an onboarding specialist and administrative support to assist and provide technical assistance via telephonic and electronic consultation to groups integrating PMP data into their systems. The request was for ongoing funds however the 2018 supplemental only provided funding for FY2019. This technical adjustment request is to establish ongoing Medicaid Fraud Penalty account funding in the 19-21 biennial budget. Total ongoing costs are \$165,000 per fiscal year.

FY20: \$165,000 19A-1

FY21: \$165,000 19A-1

## Assumptions and Calculations

**Expansion or alteration of a current program or service:**

N/A

**Detailed assumptions and calculations:**

N/A

**Workforce Assumptions:**

N/A

## Strategic and Performance Outcomes

**Strategic framework:**

N/A

**Performance outcomes:**

N/A

## Other Collateral Connections

**Intergovernmental:**

N/A

**Stakeholder response:**

N/A

**Legal or administrative mandates:**

N/A

**Changes from current law:**

N/A

**State workforce impacts:**

N/A

**State facilities impacts:**

N/A

**Puget Sound recovery:**

N/A

## Agency Questions

**Did you include cost models and backup assumptions?**

Yes.

## Reference Documents

- 4D Technical Adjustments FNCal.xlsm

## IT Addendum

**Does this Decision Package include funding for any IT-related costs, including hardware, software, (including cloud-based services), contracts or IT staff?**

No